





REEL Program Compliance Training

Residential Energy Efficiency Loan (REEL) Assistance Program

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CALIFORNIA HUB FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY FINANCING

The CHEEF is a public-private partnership engaging lenders, contractors, investor owned utilities and state agencies designed to encourage an uptake of energy efficiency projects through increased access to financing.



The CHEEF administers the REEL Program on behalf of the State of California.

In partnership with:









Residential Energy Efficiency Loan (REEL) Program

- Helps homeowners and renters access attractive financing for energy efficiency projects by mitigating risk for participating lenders.
- ✓ Brings about more energy upgrades and deeper energy retrofits by providing customers with more financing opportunities.



View a full text of REEL Assistance Program Regulations: http://treasurer.ca.gov/caeatfa/cheef/reel/regulations/index.asp

Why is financing important?

- √ 75% of energy improvement projects over \$10,000 and 90% of projects over \$15,000 are financed.
- ✓ Energy projects using financing tend to have deeper energy savings and greater scopes of work.
- ✓ Financing allows contractors to sell jobs based on monthly payments and budget impact, rather than total construction cost.



How does the REEL Program help Californians save energy?

(3)

REEL Program
provides lenders
with some
protection against

loan losses.

to approve borrowers with broader credit scores or offer better financing terms like lower interest rates.

Contractors present REEL financing as an option to their customers.

Customers take on more projects or larger projects because they can afford a monthly payment instead of a lump sum.

A "Win-Win" proposition for all!

Participating Lenders & available products









Product Terms:*	
APR:	5.99% to 9.95% [†]
Loan Amount:	\$1,500-\$50,000
Min. Credit Score:	600 for statewide; 580 for some regional Lenders
Term Length:	Up to 15 years





^{*}Terms vary by Lender; this table represents the ranges of all potential product terms.

^TLower rates available with regional Lenders

Why become a REEL approved contractor?



Increase your business.

- ✓ Larger scope and number of projects
- √ Your customers get access to better financing
 - √ 30% of project can be used for non-energy efficiency measures
 - ✓ PACE Alternative: home is not used as collateral

Receive quick loan funding.

✓ Lenders fund loans within 24 hours of loan closing.

Take advantage of a statewide marketing campaign!

✓ Access to customized professionally designed collateral

Gain credibility as an approved contractor.

✓ State sponsored program

And... No Cost to Participate!



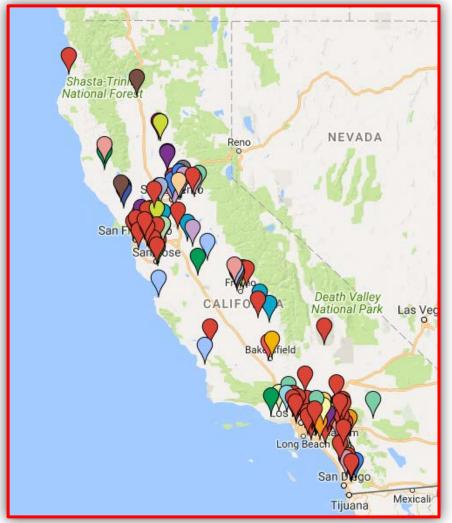
Customers will be able to find you



http://www.thecheef.com/reelcontractor-finder



Approved
Contractors have the right to use this logo on their company marketing materials



REEL Program compliance training

Part 1: Getting Started

✓ Benefits to customers & requirements to participate

Part 2: The REEL Deal

✓ Eligible borrowers, eligible properties, Eligible Energy Efficiency Measures (EEEMs), calculating non-energy measures, and QA/QC

Part 3: The Process

✓ Overview of forms and the loan enrollment process

Part 4: Be Successful

✓ Participating Lenders & products, marketing opportunities and more resources





PART 1: GETTING STARTED

Benefits to Customers & Requirements to Participate

Recognize this customer?



Broke Bob

You want to sell him a SEER 16 unit, insulation, and air sealing, **but...**





"I want the cheapest fix you've got. Forget the insulation!"

How about this one?



Energy-Conscious Ella

She reaches out to you requesting information about making her HVAC system perform with maximum efficiency.

She's completely on board with upgrading her HVAC system, adding insulation, and air sealing her home, **but...**

"I only have \$5,000 in my savings account"



No Lien Nancy & Ned





Or... this couple?

They want to improve their home with new windows, but think they can only do the front of the house with their current budget.

They're focused on the look, comfort, and quiet they'll get with dual pane windows.

"Putting a lien on the house isn't worth it."

REEL benefits for your customers

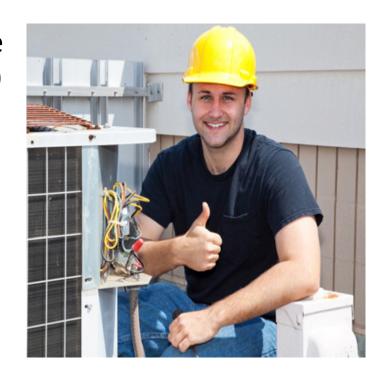
- ✓ Unsecured loans (property not used as collateral)
- ✓ Finance 100% of the project costs
- ✓ Loans up to \$50,000
- √ 15 year terms allow for low monthly payments
- √ \$0 closing costs or maintenance fees
- ✓ Flexible scopes of work (30% non-energy efficiency)
- ✓ Broad range of credit scores approved: Current statewide lenders requiring 600 minimum*

*Some regional Lenders require a credit score minimum of 580



Contractor participation requirements

- ✓ Contractors State License Board (CSLB) license relevant to work performed
- ✓ No outstanding judgments or liens
- ✓ Commercial general liability insurance coverage (\$1,000,000 per occurrence)
- ✓ Maintain legally required workers' compensation insurance
- Comply with all applicable laws, maintain all required state licenses
- ✓ Good standing with all governmental authorities



Getting approved for REEL

Attend (in person, online webinar, or on-demand) REEL Training

Complete the three-page CHEEF Participating Contractor Application available at: www.thecheef.com/contractor-resources

- Submit the application to CHEEF@treasurer.ca.gov. Please Include:
 - ✓ Proof of Insurance

Takeaways from Part 1

- REEL is a good option for customers who **don't** want a lien on 1. their property.
- A broad range of borrowers can qualify for REEL and access up to \$50,000 in unsecured financing with term lengths up to 15 years!
- 3. Contractors in the program must have active licenses and meet insurance requirements.
- Application to the REEL program can occur after completion of 4. this training by submitting a short, 3-page application and proof of insurance to cheef@treasurer.ca.gov

Find the application at www.thecheef.com/contractor-resources



PART 2: THE REEL DEAL

Eligibility Requirements for your Projects

A loan enrolled in the REEL program must meet eligibility requirements for:



Borrower



Property



Eligible Energy Efficiency Measures (EEEMs)



Project



QA/QC



Borrower eligibility check

- ✓ Property Owner or Tenant with Owner's written permission
- ✓ Current statewide lenders require a credit score of 600 minimum*
- ✓ Borrowers with no credit scores are eligible with no derogatory credit reports
- ✓ Debt to Income Ratio of less than 55%

*Some regional Lenders require a credit score minimum of 580 Lenders may have additional minimum requirements.

Lenders will check Borrower's credit and eligibility when the Borrower applies for the loan.







The Borrower is not always the **Utility Customer!**



Borrower

- Lender's borrower of record
- Signs the REEL Borrower Form



Utility Customer

• On the Utility Bill









Property Eligibility Requirements

- ✓ Single family residential property
- ✓ Borrowers may upgrade 1 to 4 units^T
- ✓ Must receive gas or electric service from an IOU*

^T Some lenders may limit financing to a single unit.

*The 4 IOUs (Investor Owned Utilities)











Manufactured & mobile home eligibility requirements



- ✓ Anchored to a permanent foundation:
 - Site-built & constructed of durable materials*

^{*}Examples of durable materials: concrete, mortared masonry, or treated wood.



Eligible Energy Efficiency Measures (EEEMs)

- ✓ EEEMs are derived from measures that are part of Investor-Owned-Utility rebate and incentive programs and approved by the CHEEF as eligible measures for the REEL program.
- ✓ Eligible measures must lead to savings for the fuel that the IOU is providing (gas, electric, or both).
- ✓ At least 70% of the loan must be used to fund EEEMs

Eligible measures are listed on the EEEMs portal (https://eeems.azurewebsites.net)





Examples of EEEMs

- ✓ HVAC
- ✓ Water Heating
- ✓ Cool Roofs
- ✓ Insulation
- ✓ Air Sealing
- ✓ Duct Sealing
- ✓ Lighting
- ✓ Appliances
- ✓ Pool Pumps
- ✓ Windows

...and More





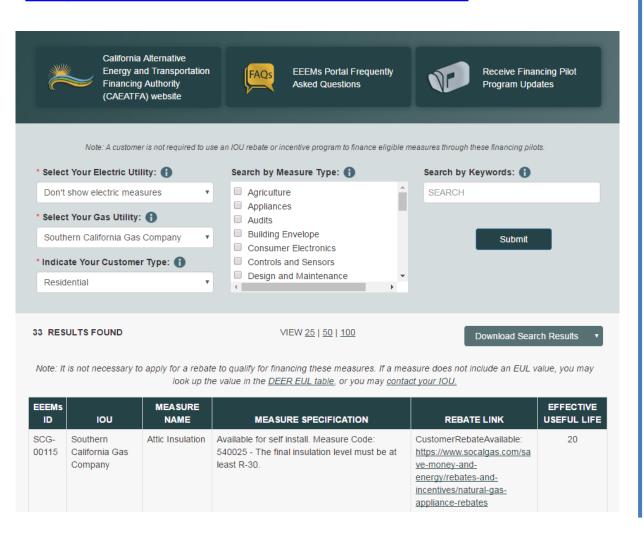






Access the EEEMs portal:

http://eeems.azurewebsites.net/



- ✓ Search by IOU and by measure type
- ✓ Option to download the lists into a spreadsheet, save and/or print





Using the EEEMs list to qualify projects

Installed measures must meet the measure specs found on the list pertaining to the

borrower's utility provider

EEEMs ID	IOU	MEASURE NAME	MEASURE SPECIFICATION	REBATE LINK	EFFECTIVE USEFUL LIF
SDGE- 02195	San Diego Gas & Electric	Air Conditioner	Air Conditioning Unit 16 SEER	http://www.sdge.com/energy- urgrade-california-nome- apgrade	20
SDGE- 02191	San Diego Gas & Electric	Duct Sealing	Duct replacement - Seal to 5% or less for replacement ducts	http://www.sdge.com/energy- upgrade-california-home- upgrade	18
SDGE- 02185	San Diego Gas & Electric	Radiant Barrier	Follow manufacturer installation requirements.	http://www.sdge.com/energy- upgrade-california-home- upgrade	Please refer to the DEER EUL
SDGE- 02186	San Diego Gas & Electric	Windows	Title 24 compliant windows and/or glass doors. U-Factor less than or equal to 0.32. SHGC less than or equal to 0.25. Garages and other non-living areas do not qualify unless they are a part of the home's conditioned (i.e., heated and/or cooled) space.	http://www.sdge.co pgrade-california- ugrade	
SDGE- 02188	San Diego Gas & Electric	Window Film	SHGC meets or exceeds Energy Star requirements. Per manufacturer's installation guidelines.	http://www.sdge.co upgrade-california-home- upgrade	



Project eligibility requirements

- ✓ Work completed by a Participating Contractor enrolled in the REEL program as of the date the work was started (or by a self-installer if measures are eligible for self-install)
- ✓ Maximum loan amount eligible for the credit enhancement: \$50,000 per unit (\$35,000 if borrower has no credit score)
- √ 70% of loan proceeds fund EEEMs and other necessary alterations.

At least 70% of loan proceeds must fund EEEMs and other necessary alterations

✓ Example: HVAC + permit costs + wall repair around the HVAC

Up to **30% of loan proceeds** may be used for other home improvements

- Cabinets, fixtures, flooring, etc.
- Electric measure upgrades when electricity is provided by a non-IOU (ex. MUNI, public utility, coop)









Illustrating the 70/30 split

or MUNI

electric

measures

70%

Eligible Measures

- ✓ Located on the EEEMs list for the IOU servicing the property
- ✓ Total cost may include soft costs (design, permits, etc.) and necessary construction or legal requirements to install the measures (installation, patching, painting, etc.)

IOU EEEMs and other necessary alterations

Other Home Improvements Non energy

✓ Cabinets, fixtures, water efficiency measures, etc.

30%

Energy measures for a non-IOU fuel source

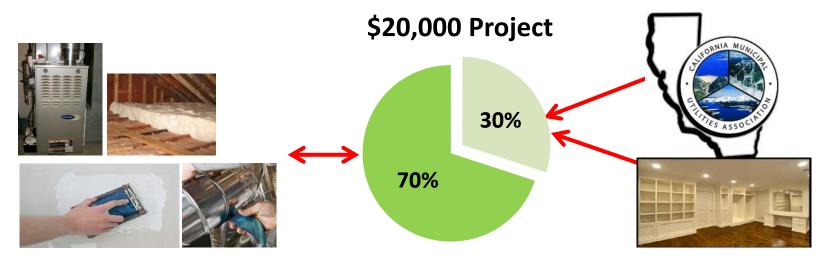
✓ Electric upgrades when electricity is provided by a municipal or public owned utility company or electric cooperative



Sample Loan:

EEEMs, Necessary Alterations, Other Home Improvements

Item	Cost	
Gas Furnace and wall repair	\$8,000	
Attic Insulation	\$3,000	70% (\$14,000)
Duct Sealing	\$3,000	
Cabinets	\$2,500	30% (\$6,000)
Electric HVAC (Municipal Utility)	\$3,500	3070 (\$0,000)
Total Project Cost	\$20,000	





Combine financing with Utility rebates & incentives

- ✓ Financing + Rebates = access to greater savings
- ✓ Measure may be eligible for financing but not rebates
- ✓ Borrower's choice whether or not to pursue a rebate
- ✓ Rebates may allow for larger project scopes

















REEL Safety Test Requirements

Projects with:

- 3 or more EEEMs
- + Combustion Appliance on the Property
- + Project includes either:

Whole building air sealing

Duct sealing/duct replacement

Attic insulation and air sealing



= CAS/CAZ/NGAT or substantially similar test needed



A CAS/CAZ/NGAT Test must be performed by a contractor who is:

- Approved to participate in Home Upgrade or Advanced Home Upgrade Program
- **BPI** Certified
- **NGAT** Certified







Quality Assurance & Quality Control

All REEL Projects must meet QA/QC requirements:

- ✓ Improvements must be installed by a Participating Contractor or self-installer
- ✓ Contractor/Borrower must obtain all required permits and approvals
- ✓ Contractor must adhere to all Title 24 code requirements





CHEEF Inspection Process for REEL

CHEEF will inspect projects that are NOT receiving an IOU or REN rebate or incentive

✓ Desk Audits

 Retain all paperwork as your project may be audited

✓ Field Verifications

- May be conducted within one (1) year of enrolling the Eligible Loan
- Borrower will be notified at least ten (10)
 business days prior to inspection
- May be completed on a random sample of projects that have not received an IOU or REN rebate and/or incentive

The more projects
you do with
successful
inspections, the
fewer inspections
the CHEEF will do!

Follow the Rules!

Contractors may be removed from the REEL Program for:

- ✓ False or misleading claims about any part of the REEL Program or its performance
- ✓ Fraudulent or deceitful conduct in the sale or installation of measures
- ✓ Violation of the REEL Program regulations
- ✓ Misrepresentation or noncompliance with program requirements



For additional information: http://treasurer.ca.gov/caeatfa/cheef/reel/regulations/index.asp

Takeaways from Part 2

Five areas of eligibility for REEL projects^T:

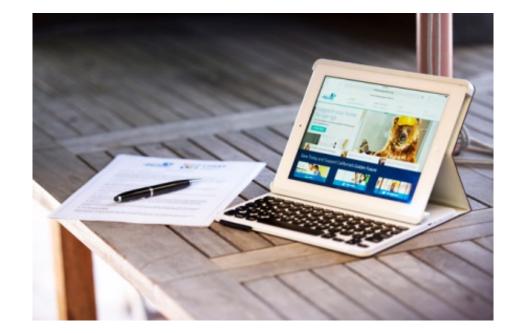
- ✓ Borrower: Minimum credit score of 600*
- ✓ Property: Residential property serviced by an IOU; borrowers may upgrade up to 4 units.
- ✓ EEEMs: Measures may be found on a searchable website portal and project measures must match the IOU servicing the property.
- ✓ Project: At least 70% of the scope of work costs must be EEEMs and other necessary alterations.
- ✓ QA/QC: Secure proper permits, ensure all Title 24 requirements and perform Safety Tests when required by the program.

^{*}Some regional lenders offer financing with minimum credit score of 580.





TEach lender may have additional requirements



PART 3: THE PROCESS

Required Forms

The REEL Process – at a glance

Credit **Project Closing & Project Completion Funding Approval Approval** PA Lender approves Borrower closes Borrower seeks Contractor



financing from

lender.



completes project;

submits final

paperwork.

project. Contractor

begins work.

loan; contractor is

funded for project.

Discussing REEL with your customer

- Meet with your customer and agree on the scope of work
- 2. Introduce the REEL Program as a financing option
 - ✓ Use the Homeowner's webpage to help explain the program, answer questions and introduce lenders:

www.thecheef.com/reel

- 3. Provide the customer with a Bill Impact Estimate (BIE)
 - ✓ Back of BIE lists REEL lenders and product details
- 4. Communicate REEL Lender options and show customer how to apply
 - ✓ You can recommend a REEL lender OR
 - ✓ Your customer can choose







REEL Bill Impact Estimate

It is a program requirement to present a Bill Impact Estimate to your customer before beginning the project.

You have two options:

- You can create an estimate using energy modeling software <u>OR</u>
- 2. Use the CHEEF's **Bill Impact Estimate (BIE)**
 - ✓ Download the BIE from Contractor Resources page on The CHEEF Website: http://www.thecheef.com/contractor-resources



Bill Impact Estimate - Residential Customers

The following list identifies common energy efficiency upgrades as well as their estimated annual energy and bill savings. These estimates are for informational purposes only, actual savings may vary. The data provided below is a statewide average, and does not reflect your specific climate zone or specific utility provider.

While energy efficiency improvements made to your home are designed to reduce your energy costs, they may not always result in lower monthly energy costs over time based on additional factors (e.g. rates, behavior) that contribute to monthly energy costs. Actual savings may vary, and any and all such savings projections provided are informational only.

					Bill Savings Estimate	Bill Savings Estimate
		Units of		Therm	(Low rate:	(High rate:
Gas Equipment	Specification	Measurement	Quantity	Savings	\$1.00)	\$1.50)
Attic Insulation	>=R-19	Square Foot	10000	0.00834	\$83.40	\$125.10
	>=R-30	Square Foot	1000	0.0105	\$10.50	\$15.75
Clothes Washer	MEF>=2.4, WF<=4.0	Unit	1	16.093	\$16.09	\$24.14
	MEF>=3.2, WF<=3.0	Unit	1	14.29	\$14.29	\$21.44
Gas Furnace	92% AFUE	Unit	1	24.9	\$24.90	\$37.35
	95% AFUE	Unit	1	31.1	\$31.10	\$46.65
Storage Water Heater	EF>=0.67	Unit	1	23.93	\$23.93	\$35.90
Tankless Water Heater	EF=0.82-0.89	Unit	1	61.42	\$61.42	\$92.13
	EF>=0.90	Unit	1	81.5	\$81.50	\$122.25
Wall Insulation	R-0 to R-13 Insulation	Square Foot	10000	0.107	\$1,070.00	\$1,605.00



CHIFEF	Apply for a loan and start your REEL project today! More at : theCHEEE.com/reel					
REEL: Posidential Energy Efficiency Loss Program	CALIFORNIA COAST ####	DESERT VALLEYS	Matadors Community Credit Union	Valley Oak		
	California Coast	Desert Valleys†	Matadors	Valley Oak ¹¹		
Lending Area	Anywhere in California	Indian Wells Valley and Searles Valley	Anywhere in California	Tulare County and Madera County		
APR* (as of August 1, 2017)	6.38% to 8.88%	4.50% to 8.50%	5.99% to 7.99%	7.45% to 9.95%		
Loan Size	\$2,500 - \$50,000	\$2,500 - \$50,000	\$2,500 - \$50,000	\$1,500 - \$50,000		
Credit Union Membership Fee (one-time)	Waived	\$5	Waived	\$5		
Property Type	Single Family 1 to 4 residential units	Single Family 1 to 4 residential units	Single Family 1 to 4 residential units	Single Family 1 to 4 residential units		
Minimum FICO	600	580	640	580		
100% Financing (No Cash Needed)	✓	✓	✓	✓		
No Closing Costs, No Annual Fees	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Collateral	None	None	None	None		
Term: Up to 15 years	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Pre-Approval	Instant pre-approval for loans up to \$25,000	Within 24 hrs**	Within 24 hrs**	Within 24 hrs**		
Contact Info	(858) 495-1637 CCCU Energy Group: Ray, Bill & Katya energy@calcoastcu.org	(866) 743-6497 Eric Bruen REELadesertvalleys.org	(818) 993-6328 x248 Joseph Cortez energy@matadors.org	(\$59) 688-5996 x2315 Kiersty Vaughan kvaughan@valleynak.org		
Apply online	calcoastcu.org	desertvalleys.org	matadors.org	vallevoak.org		

Lender profiles are available for download and/or print at: the cheef conflender-chart

*ARI - Annual Principles (ARICA - ARICA - ARIC







Step 1: Credit Approval

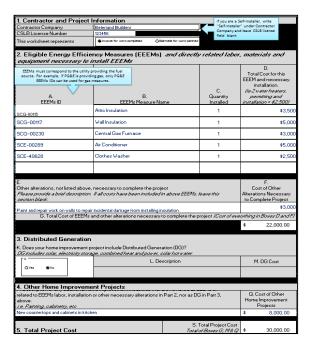


- ✓ Your customer will apply for a loan directly with one of the REEL Lenders.
- ✓ Your customer will submit a current utility bill.
- ✓ Lenders usually provide credit approval within 24 hours.

✓ Once the customer or Lender tells you they have been approved for financing, we can transition to step 2: Project Approval.



Step 2: Project Approval



- ✓ Once your customer has received credit approval, you will prepare and submit an estimate itemized invoice.
- ✓ Available for download from thecheef.com under Contractor Resources:

http://www.thecheef.com/contractorresources/

✓ Please be sure to fill out the form in it's entirety – including the EEEMs IDs, measure names, indication as new or replacement, quantity and costs.

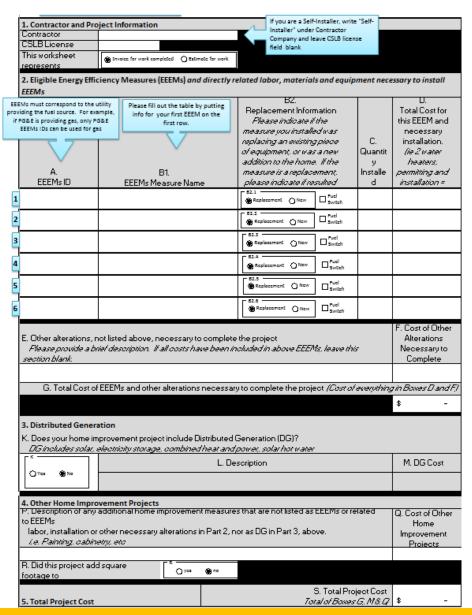
Please <u>do not begin</u> the project until after completing this – the lender will inform you of your **project's approval**.





Preparing the Estimate Itemized Invoice

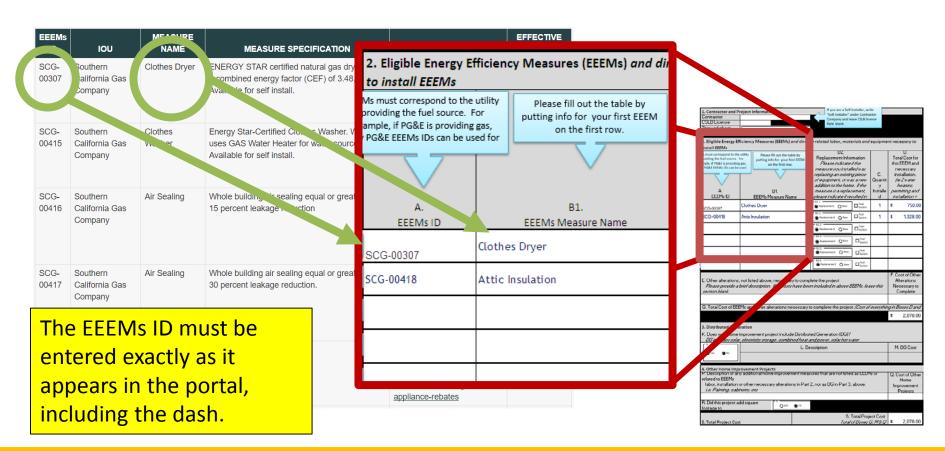
- ✓ Submit the <u>Itemized Invoice</u> to the lender to verify the project's eligibility (*Takes about 5 minutes to complete*)
- ✓ Allows for easy calculation of the 70% EEEMs requirement/30% flexible scope of work calculation.
- ✓ Video tutorial on how to fill out
 the invoice and sample
 completed invoices at
 www.theCHEEF.com/contractor-resources



The EEEMs Portal & Itemized Invoice

Preparing the Itemized Invoice requires you to use the EEEMs Portal to look up eligible measures by your customer's Utility provider.

http://www.eeems.azurewebsites.net



PC

Step 3: Project Completion



After you have completed the project, you will prepare:

- 1. A **FINAL** Itemized Invoice.
 - Same as the estimate invoice, but indicate work completed and final costs.
- 2. A Certificate of Completion

Please be sure to perform all necessary Safety tests upon completion of the project.

RECALL: If your project property has one or more combustion appliances, a Safety test may be required per REEL Program Regulations.



Preparing the Certificate of Completion

- ✓ Fill out Sections 1-4.
- ✓ Confirm all required information on the form has been supplied.
- ✓ Pay careful attention to the Safety Test requirements.
- ✓ Available for download in the Contractor Resources section of the CHEEF website:

http://www.thecheef.com/contractor-resources





lifornia Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation Financing Authority p://www.treasurer.ca.gov/caeatfa/cheef	Sacramento, CA 95814 Telephone (916) 651-8157 Fax (916) 589-2855 CHEEF@treasurer.ca.gov
TO BE COMPLETED BY PFI or PFL	•
PFI/PFL Program Participation ID#:	
PFI/PFL Internal Loan ID#:	
CHEEF Loan ID#: (for projects that have received Pre-Approval):	
CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETIO	N
Section 1. Contractor Information	
(a) Participating Contractor Business Name:	and the state of a December 1
(Please list your name as it was submitted on the Qualified Contractor Application to	participate in the Program)
(b) CSLB License #:	
Section 2. Project and Safety Test Information	
(c) Project Start Date:	
(d) Permit Number(s):	☐ Not Applicable
(e) Project Address:	
(f) City:	
through (3) below?	t one of measures described in (1)
(1) Whole building air sealing	
(2) Duct sealing and/or duct replacement (3) Attic insulation and air sealing	
Yes No	
If you answered, "No," skip to Section 3, "Utility and Rebate/Incentive Information	
If you answered "Yes," a Combustion Appliance Safety (CAS) Test. Combustion	Appliance Zone (CAZ) Test, or
Natural Gas Appliance Test (NGAT) is required.	
(i) Indicate Safety Test performed: CAS/CAZ NGAT	
(j) Contractor Company performing Safety Test:, if applicable.	
(k) Safety Test Contractor CSLB #:, if applicable.	
(l) Indicate certification type:	
☐ CAS/CAZ ☐ NGAT ☐ BPI	
(m) If the Safety Test contractor has an NGAT or BPI certification, please provide	the certification number:
Certification Number:	
	A whole house retrofit pro
(a) If the Sefety Test contractor is approved to postining to in an IOU DEN on CO	A whole house retroit program in
(n) If the Safety Test contractor is approved to participate in an IOU, REN, or CC	
the IOU territory applicable to the project address, please indicate below:	DS-C-IDEN DCCA
	SoCalREN CCA

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Step 4: Closing & Funding



- ✓ Once you have completed the project, the borrower will sign The REEL Borrower Form.
- ✓ Submit all required paperwork to the Lender
 - ✓ Certificate of Completion
 - ✓ Final Itemized Invoice
 - ✓ RFFL Borrower Form

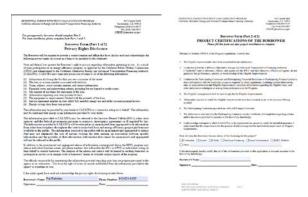
After all documents have been received, the Lender will disburse payment. All REEL Lenders fund within 24 hours of closing.





The REEL Borrower Form

- ✓ The borrower will sign The REEL Borrower Form.
- ✓ Two-Page Document, both requiring a signature:
 - Privacy Rights Disclosure
 - Project Certifications



http://www.thecheef.com/contractorresources RESIDENTIAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY LOAN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
California Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation Financing Authority

915 Capitol Mall Sacramento, CA 95814 Telephone (916) 651-8157 Fax (916) 589-2855 CHEEF@treasurer.ca.gov

For pre-approvals, borrower should complete Part 1.
For loan enrollment, please complete both Parts 1 and 2.

Borrower Form (Part 1 of 2) Privacy Rights Disclosure

The Borrower will be required to provide a contact number and affirm that he or she has read and acknowledges the following privacy rights disclosure in a form to be specified by the Authority:

State and federal laws protect the Borrower's right to privacy regarding information pertaining to you. As a result of your participation in an energy efficiency program, as approved by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and administered by the California Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation Financing Authority (CAEATFA), CAEATFA may come into possession of some or all of the following information:

- Information disclosing the fact that you are a customer of the lender.
- The loan or account number associated with the loan.
- (3) Name, address, social security number, and contact information.
- 4) Financial status and underwriting criteria, including but not limited to credit scores.
- (5) The amount of and terms for repayment of the loan.
- (6) Information regarding your loan payment history.
- (7) The equipment or improvements funded with the proceeds of the loan.
- (8) Service agreement number on your utility bill, monthly energy use and utility account payment history.
- Energy savings data from your project.

The information may be provided by your lender to CAEATFA or a contractor acting on its behalf. The information may be combined with energy usage information provided by your utility.

The information provided to CAEATFA may be released to the Investor Owned Utilities(IOUs), other state agencies and the federal government pursuant to contracts, interagency agreements or if required by law. The information provided to CAEATFA will be released in an anonymized form aggregated with information from other loan recipients throughout the state to make both loan and energy efficiency project performance available to the public. The information released to the public will be anonymized and aggregated to reduce (but may not eliminate) the risk of anyone viewing the data making an association between specific information and the provider of that information. Information that cannot be anonymized and aggregated will not be released to the public.

In addition to the anonymized and aggregated release of information contemplated above, the REEL program may release individual borrower names and phone numbers that will enable the IOUs or CPUC or individuals acting on their behalf to contact borrowers. The purpose of the release and contact will be limited to inviting borrowers to participate in surveys or to arrange visits to borrowers' homes to evaluate various aspects of the program.

The officials responsible for maintaining the information provided regarding your loan are program personnel at the agency or its contractors. You have the right of access to records established from the information provided to the agency as it pertains to you.

I, the undersigned, have read and acknowledge the privacy rights disclosure provided above.

Borrower's Name:	Pat Ramirez	Phone Number:	916-651-8157
Signature:		Date:	





The REEL Process – in detail

Project Approval: Project Completion: Credit Approval: Closing & Funding: Contractor completes project Contractor submits documents Borrower closes loan with Lender. Borrower seeks financing from to borrower for approval of REEL lender. financing. PA Lender funds loan **Lender approves Lender Financing** Contractor receives payment project for project from **Application** Contractor can begin borrower/lender Proof of Income working on project. □ Add'l Docs* **Bill Impact Estimate REEL Borrower Form** Final Itemized Invoice **Estimate Itemized Utility Bill** Invoice Certificate of

Completion





^{*}Each lender may have additional required documents. The list below is not all inclusive; please contact the lender for a complete list.

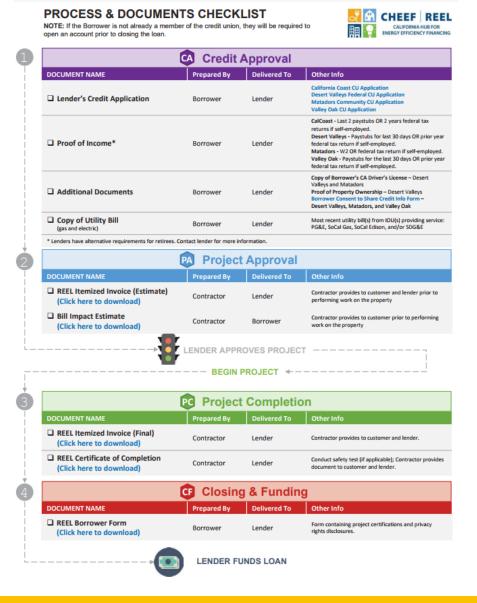
^{1.} **Borrower Consent Form** — California Coast, Desert Valleys, and Valley Oak. 2. **Copy of Borrower's CA Driver's License** — Desert Valleys and Matadors 3. **Proof of Property Ownership** — Desert Valleys

Project Document Checklist

To help with all the steps and required documentation, we have prepared a Project Document Checklist.

This Checklist is available for download in the Contractor Resources section of the CHEEF website:

http://www.thecheef.com/contractor-resources



Takeaways from Part 3



Work on project can begin <u>AFTER</u> customer has received credit <u>and</u> project approval from lender.

Ensure these program forms are completed properly, signed and dated by you and the borrower, and passed on to the lender:

- ✓ Utility Bill
- ✓ Itemized Invoice
- ✓ Certification of Completion
- ✓ REEL Borrower Form

All program forms, samples and instructional videos can be found at www.thecheef.com/contractor-resources





PART 4: BE SUCCESSFUL

Enroll, meet the lenders, and access marketing resources

What does "Approved Contractor" really mean?



- ✓ Get recognized as a REEL approved contractor on the CHEEF website
- Access to networking opportunities and other business development activities
- ✓ Access to a variety of support channels available to help you obtain greater scopes of work with deeper energy savings
- ✓ Be seen as an expert and credible resource

Next steps to getting approved



Complete the three-page CHEEF Participating
Contractor Application available at:
http://www.thecheef.com/contractor-resources

- Submit the application to CHEEF@treasurer.ca.gov. Please Include:
 - ✓ Proof of Insurance

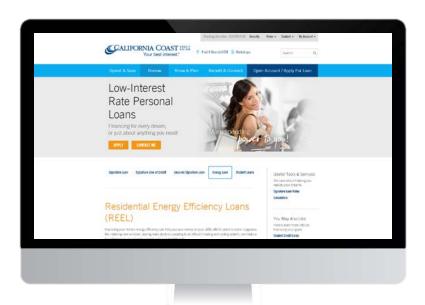
The REEL Program Participating Lenders

- ✓ Use the CHEEF website to access the lender profiles
- ✓ Lender profiles are available for downloading and/or printing
- ✓ Lender profiles are updated regularly

http://www.thecheef.com/reel-lenders

California Coast Credit Union





https://www.calcoastcu.org/borrow -personal-loans.htm#REEL

HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Statewide lender
- ✓ Interest rates Starting at 6.38%
- ✓ Minimum credit score 600
- ✓ MEMBERSHIP FEES WAIVED
- ✓ **INSTANT** approval for loans up to \$25,000
- ✓ 24 hour funding for contractors after receipt of project docs and borrower signs closing docs

Contact: CCCU Energy Group energy@calcoastcu.org 858-495-1637



Matadors Community Credit Union







http://www.matadors.org/loans/energyloans.html

HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Statewide lender
- ✓ Interest rates Starting at 5.99%
- ✓ Minimum credit score 640
- ✓ MEMBERSHIP FEES WAIVED
- √ 24 hour loan approval
- ✓ 24 hour funding for contractors after receipt of project docs and borrower signs closing docs

Contact: Nairi Gerovian ngerovian@matadors.org 818-993-6328





Valley Oak Credit Union





https://www.valleyoak.org/Borrow/Energy-Efficiency-Loans.aspx

HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Madera and Tulare Counties
- ✓ Interest rates Starting at 7.45%
- ✓ Minimum credit score 580
- √ \$5 (one-time membership fee)
- √ 24 hour loan approval
- ✓ 24 hour funding for contractors after receipt of project docs and borrower signs closing docs

Contact: Kiersty Vaughan kvaughan@valleyoak.org 599-688-5996





Desert Valleys Federal Credit Union





https://www.desertvalleys.org/ ps-loan-reel.html

HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Indian Wells Valley and Searles Valley
- ✓ Interest rates Starting at 4.50%
- ✓ Minimum credit score 580
- √ \$5 (one-time membership fee)
- √ 24 hour loan approval
- ✓ 24 hour funding for contractors after receipt of project docs and borrower signs closing docs

Contact: Eric Bruen REEL@desertvalleys.org 866-743-6497



theCHEEF.com/REEL: a valuable resource

The Homeowner's webpage (http://www.thecheef.com/reel) can help you:

- ✓ Explain benefits of the REEL Program to your customers.
- ✓ Answer frequently asked questions.
- ✓ Showcase yourself as a REEL Participating Contractor.
- ✓ Introduce lenders and their REEL products.



REEL program representatives

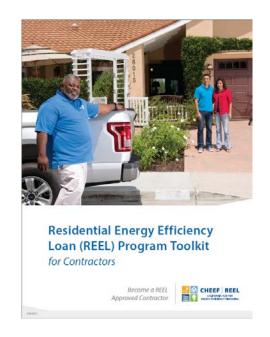
- ✓ Assist you with utilizing REEL marketing collateral that can be co-branded with your company logo
- ✓ Identify the Tools and Resources that have been created for you in the CHEEF website
- ✓ Assist with REEL program customer service needs
- ✓ Help you remember the Participating Lender benefits for customers
- ✓ Provide support with REEL program questions

You will be contacted by your personal Program Rep within a week of your program approval



Marketing and Training Opportunities

- ✓ Contractor toolkit easily teaches you a step-by-step approach to being successful as an Approved Contractor in the REEL program
- ✓ On demand training of how to market financing for you and your staff





✓ Gain access to professional designed print and digital marketing materials that you can co-brand and print or share online

How can we help you?

www.theCHEEF.com
Resources tab



cheef@treasurer.ca.gov



info@theCHEEF.com



SELF-HELP INCLUDING:

- Application to the program
- Blank program forms
- Sample loan packages
- Project eligibility
- Financing products
- Lender profiles
- Homeowner resources

PROGRAM ASSISTANCE:

- Project eligibility outside of the norm
- Assistance with program forms
- Questions about how to use the EEEMs list
- Questions about required documents and the itemized invoice

MARKETING HELP:

- Questions about the marketing materials
- Questions about the online marketing training
- Questions about using the approved contractor logo



